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Dear Sir

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J Sainsbury Announces: Acquisition of Somerfield Stores

Please find enclosed a copy of the above announcement made to the London Stock Exchange on 26th September 2006.

Yours sincerely

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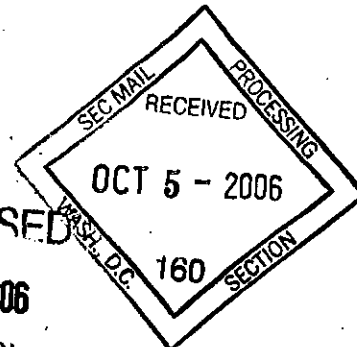
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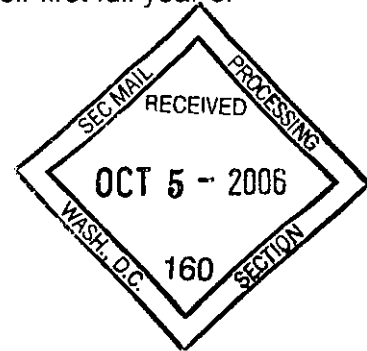
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- Peebles, Scottish Borders
- Pocklington, North Yorkshire
- Yarm, North Yorkshire
- South Shields, Tyne & Wear



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